

**MINUTES**  
Town of North  
February 12, 2007  
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Lane, and Gleaton. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk. Council members Binyard and Drew were not able to attend.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 8, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilman Gleaton, and upon vote Minutes were approved.

Dale from McGregor and Company presented the 2004 and 2005 audit reports to council. The 2004 audit was delayed due to compilation of a report of fixed assets. Dale went into detail with council on changes in audit format from the previous years, along with some specifics on numbers from both years. Overall, both audit reports and economic function of the Town are satisfactory to the auditors.

Highway 321 Report:

Jamie Steele was not present at the meeting. Mr. Jeffcoat gave the report that he and council (and others) met in Livingston with US Group on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The final stage to complete is to paint lines with permanent paint. US Group is pleased to announce that this project has been 2 ½ years with no major accidents. Some barrels are now being picked up.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water sewer report for January 2007, (copy attached).

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief Fallaw noted that attempted crimes have to be reported, even if never followed through with. Chief also noted that there has been a rise in concerned citizens reporting suspicious behavior, and welcomed these reports.

Old Business:

- Mayor Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement (copy attached)

New Business:

Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for February is Honesty.

Mayor's Report:

- Jeffcoat brought to the attention of Council the issue of renters leaving the Town stuck with unpaid water bills once they move. After discussion, Councilwoman Lane made the motion that renters will pay \$100 water deposit (owners will still pay \$50). Councilman Gleaton seconded the motion and upon vote carried.
- Jeffcoat delivered the news that he spoke with a representative from TDS Telephone who advised him that our local payment location is Town Hall in Norway. A citizen made the suggestion to contact the Board of Directors to express the dissatisfaction with that decision.
- Jeffcoat reported that he attended the meeting of the Orangeburg Western County Development in Neeses on January 16<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that there is a good chance for us to get industrial development on this side of the county. \$2 million has been set aside to assist with this project. The proposed location will be between Norway and Woodford, close to Hwy 321 and the Railroad.
- Jeffcoat also stated that he attended a meeting at Nucor in Swansea on January 26<sup>th</sup> regarding US Trade Policy. The concern is why SC is losing jobs to overseas. It was noted that regulations on overseas companies are not as strenuous as the United States and therefore they can operate on a lower budget.
- Jeffcoat reminded Council members that their Ethics Commission Report is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Jeffcoat reported a successful Open House for Dr. Sanders. The Mayor stressed that no one wants to take business away from current medical providers in North, but that if someone is traveling out of town to see a doctor, to give Dr. Sanders a try. He has heard nothing but good from patients of his.

Public Comments:

Councilwoman Lane discussed a Discount Drug Card for people who do not have drug coverage otherwise. Brochures will be left with the Town Clerks. Anyone interested is encouraged to pick one up.

A citizen commented on the recent house fire in downtown North. He thanked the Police and Fire Department for their excellent work. He expressed his concern regarding the now gutted house being left standing as an eyesore and danger for their neighborhood. Discussion was made regarding the County's contribution to help demolish abandoned houses and the long waiting list to get help from the County. North has an ordinance allowing us to tear down abandoned houses, but we just don't have the funds to do so.

Mayor Jeffcoat noted that he received an email from a traveler who passed through our Town and gave excellent compliments on our Town's website.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gleaton. Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Rev. Wright closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carrie Windham

**APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2007 MINUTES**

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Members:**

Paul Drew: \_\_\_\_\_

Rose Binyard: \_\_\_\_\_

Harriett Lane: \_\_\_\_\_

Aubrey Gleaton: \_\_\_\_\_